(*b*) if so, when the scheme is expected to materialise?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not possible now to state definitely when the scheme is expected to materialise.

CANALS IN MATTANCHERI—IMPROVEMENTS TO

89. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Commerce and Industry):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to improve the undermentioned canals in Mattancheri by opening them out so as to prevent stagnation of water with a view to improve the sanitation of the Town, *viz.*—

(*i*) the canal on two sides of the T. D. High School threatening to endanger the health of so many children;

(*ii*) the canal to the north of the Maharaja's Hospital which is detrimental to the health of the patients;

(*iii*) others similarly stagnant and breeding mosquitoes?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Government have no such proposal at present. The conditions of the canals will be improved when the drainage scheme is effected. The Mattancheri Municipality is taking all possible measures to improve the sanitation of the town.

MUSEUM IN TRICHUR—CLOSING OF ON POORAM DAY

90. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Museum in Trichur was open on the last *Pooram* day;

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, the reason for keeping it closed?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) Yes. The Museum was kept open from 8 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

(*b*) The Museum was closed in the afternoon, following the practice in previous years. The Museum staff starts work before 6 a.m. on the *Pooram* day to complete cleaning of the animal houses, etc., before 8 a.m.

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and to keep themselves ready to control the large crowd that visits the Museum and Zoo during the morning hours. In the afternoon, the institution is kept closed to give some rest to the staff, who have to start work again before 6 a.m. on the day after *Pooram*, on which day the crowd is almost unmanageable. Also, there used to be only stray visitors in the afternoon of the *Pooram* day, as the major part of the festival is at that time.

It is also pointed out in this connection that in order to avoid disappointment to the large crowds that visit the Museum and Zoo on the morning of the day after *Pooram*, which happened to be a Friday this year, the usual weekly holiday was cancelled, and the institution was kept open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know at what time it starts work on other days?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* After 6. a.m.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Was a notice put up on the Pooram Day that it will be closed at 11-30 a. m.?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the hon'ble member take it from me that there was no such notice when I visited the Museum?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I enquired into this, and I was told by a gentleman who visited it the next morning that there was a notice on the outer wall in writing that it will be closed at such and such a time and opened the next day. I was also told that this question was probably the result of the hon'ble member's going over there, to see the Museum on the evening of the Pooram Day and the disappointment caused to him.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether there is any interval between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The working hours are 8 to 11 in the morning and 3.30 to 6 in the evening. Between 11 and 3 it will be closed.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government have any objection to keep it open till 7 p.m.?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Then there will be necessity for light during certain portions of the year.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Generally I have found that people go there after 5 or 5.30. So, after a short time they are asked to vacate. Therefore, I think that it will be advisable to allow people to remain there till dusk.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There are dangerous animals and it is not advisable to go without light.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I say, when it is night-fall, don't allow them to go.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* During certain periods of the year it gets dark by about 6 and at other times by 7. Therefore, we have to make some distinction between the times.

Mr. President: During certain periods of the year it can be opened till 6.30.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ. പൊതു ഒഴിവു ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ അവ ക്കു ജോലിവെക്കുകയും, ബാക്കി ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ അവക്കു Holiday കൊടുക്കുക യും ചെയ്യാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്പിള്ള. സാധാരണമായി വെള്ളിയാഴ്ചയല്ലാത്ത എ ല്ലാദിവസങ്ങളിലും അവക്കു വക്കിംഗ് ദിവസമാണു്. Every week, Friday is the only holiday.

President: Now the question arises whether you should not give them holidays.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government see that on Pooram days the museum is open for a couple of hours in the afternoon?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. മാധവപ്പിള്ള. അതിൽ രണ്ടു സംഗതികളുണ്ടു്. അവരും ഈ നാട്ടുകാരാണു്. കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ഒരിക്കൽ ഒരു പൂരമാണു വരുന്നതു്. ആ പൂരത്തിനു് എല്ലാ നാട്ടുകാരും കാണാൻപോകയും ഇവർ അവിടെ ഇരുന്നു മൃഗങ്ങളെ നോക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കട്ടെ എന്നു വെക്കുകയും ചെയ്യാൽ അതു് അവ ക്കു വളരെ സങ്കടമായിരിക്കും. അന്നുകാലത്തു ഹാഫ്ഡേ മാത്രമാണു് അ വക്കു ജോലിയുള്ളതു്.

LANDING PLACES AT ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI—INCONVENIENCES CAUSED

91. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they are aware of the inconveniences caused at the landing places both in Ernakulam and Mattancheri, not having sufficient depth of water for the landing of the ferry boats at times, to the passengers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At the landing place at Mattancheri there is sufficient water. There is some

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